REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 4-9 and 12-19 are pending in the present Application and all stand allowed. Claims 4 and 13 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4 and 13 are amended to expressly show a multiplication sign that was previously implied. Since the amendments do not change the scope of any of the claims and are merely to correct formal matters, entry of the amendments should be appropriate as discussed in M.P.E.P. § 714.16.

It is accordingly respectfully requested this Amendment be entered and a Supplemental Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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